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Panther wrestlers
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Inspiring

Tiffany Kinsey, a junior political science major, presents her poem, "Sleepers" to about 50 audience members during the Kumbaba Poetry Reading contest Friday night at the Rathskeller. Kinsey won the first prize in the contest, which is one of the African American Heritage Month events.

24-year-old Mattoon man found guilty for Ellison murder

By RYAN HILLIGOSS
and JAIME HODGE
Staff writers

Marcus W. Douglas of Mattoon was found guilty of three counts of first-degree murder Friday after almost six hours of jury deliberations.

Douglas, 24, was convicted of participating in the murder of Lake Land

College student Shane Ellison on January 4, 1997, on Douglas's property on Old State Road in Mattoon. Douglas is the second suspect of three in the case.

Charles C. Drum, 27, of Mattoon, is also charged with the murder and will stand trial March 10.

Douglas was charged with aiding Charles Drum in the strangulation of Ellison and using a hammer to hit Ellison,

or helping another person to do so.

Charles's brother Thomas L. Drum, 24, of Mattoon, was tried and convicted in August of 1996 for his part in the murder and was sentenced to 20 years in prison in January.

Mattoon Police Chief David O'Dell testified Thursday that in a non-recorded interview Douglas said that he and Charles and Thomas Drum took Ellison to a pond

outside his residence to kill him. Douglas said he may have used a hammer during the beating and that the hammers used in Ellison's murder came from his garage, said O'Dell.

After taking the witness stand, Douglas denied O'Dell's testimony that he knew Ellison would be killed or that he had hit

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New city manager says job is challenging, but rewarding

By JAIME HODGE
City editor

City Manager Paul Nicholson lifted his Gumby tie off his chest and inspected it for a moment. "My ties are thanks to my daughter and my wife. Most of (the ties) have every color that's out there anyplace so they match with everything," Nicholson said. "Today is Gumby. I had Tazmanian Devil earlier this week and a Beatles' Hard Days Night tie before, too."

Nicholson has been the city manager of Charleston for almost nine months and a member of the International City and County Management Association for 27 years. He said the job is challenging but diverse and "the landscape changes constantly."

"I like the variety about the job," Nicholson said. "It's ever-changing. There's always something different about the job, ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous."

"As city manager I am ultimately responsible for all of the day-to-day services and programs of the city of Charleston. That

doesn't mean I do them all, I have a professional staff underneath me, (such as) the fire chief, police chief, the new director of public works and the city clerk, and each of these people are educated in their special duties."



Paul Nicholson

"It was a decision by the electors of Charleston; the citizens voted to change the form of government," Nicholson said. "It really came out of grass roots planning ... (Charleston) Mayor (Dan) Coughill was the one who was the initial proponent and as part of the Charleston Tomorrow planning process, one of the elements completely

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DEANNA MCINTYRE/Staff photographer

Comedy central

Comedian Alonzo "Hamburger" Jones jokes with an over capacity crowd Saturday night in the Rathskeller of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The show was held as part of the African American Heritage Month.

White House staffer talks about Lewinsky's relationship

WASHINGTON (AP) - Investigators for prosecutor Kenneth Starr have spoken to an Arkansas native on the White House staff who was friendly with Monica Lewinsky and heard her describe a relationship she said she had with President Clinton, according to individuals familiar with the matter.

The episode involving administrative employee Ashley Raines prompted a fresh round of White House complaints regarding leaks.

A source close to Clinton's defense team confirmed that the



White House has known that Ms. Raines is talking to Starr. The White House is concerned that Starr's office may be trying to portray the talks as evidence that Ms. Raines has turned against Clinton. "That's not true," the person said. He contended that Clinton's lawyers have reason to

believe Ms. Raines is not hurting the president's case - although officials could not rule out the possibility that Ms. Lewinsky told Ms. Raines she had an affair with Clinton.

Newsweek disclosed Ms. Raines' appearance in the case and said she gave prosecutors detailed descriptions of Lewinsky's accounts of an alleged affair with Clinton. In its edition on newsstands Monday, Newsweek reported that in addition to talking to Ms. Raines, Ms. Lewinsky played for her tape-

recorded telephone messages that the president left on Ms. Lewinsky's answering machine. Individuals who spoke to The Associated Press about the matter declined to characterize Raines' statements in any way.

Ms. Raines works as the customer-service program director in the White House Office of Management and Administration. Ms. Raines' mother is manager of the Excelsior Hotel in Little Rock, where an alleged 1991 meeting between Clinton and then-state worker Paula Jones resulted in the

current sexual harassment lawsuit against the president.

In a Jan. 7 affidavit given in that suit, Ms. Lewinsky denied that she had an affair with Clinton.

If Ms. Lewinsky played answering-machine tapes for Ms. Raines, it would mark the second time the issue has come up in the Lewinsky investigation.

Sources close to former White House staffer Linda Tripp say she has told investigators that she heard answering-machine messages that the president left for Ms. Lewinsky.

California storm leaves one dead, one missing

BRYTE, Calif. (AP) - A day after drenching rain and powerful wind swept through California, crews shored up soggy levees while residents began scraping mud from their lives Sunday.

Gov. Pete Wilson declared states of emergency in five more counties, bringing the total stricken by a week of storms to 27.

A new storm was expected to hit Northern California on Monday night, with heavy rain but lighter wind than the devastating weather Saturday.

In Southern California, a man was found dead Sunday after a car careened off a collapsed road in the San Fernando Valley. The man, who wasn't immediately identified, was killed when the

car plummeted about 50 feet into a ravine from a private road that was weakened by rain. The accident was reported Sunday, when a man and a woman who survived crawled from the upside-down car and climbed the ravine to get help.

In the Angeles National Forest, also in Southern California, 120 rescuers searched for the young snowboarder missing since Saturday. The boy, whose identity was withheld, was last seen at a ski resort. Wind was gusting strongly when he slid out of resort boundaries into a canyon.

While skies were clear Sunday, two days of rain overburdened creeks and left mountains heavy with snow.

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reviewed was the form of government, including council management government.

"What you've got in Charleston is the most radical shift in government provided for by Illinois state law," Nicholson said. "We in Charleston are experiencing a significant new form of government. It's a new way of doing business."

Charleston appealed to Nicholson primarily because it is a university community, he said, and because it was a unique challenge.

"I chose it principally because it is a university community and I very much love the university city setting, but more intriguing was the challenge of first time city manager," Nicholson said. "The mayor and council made it a unique challenge in my career."

Nicholson said dealing with

people was one of the most difficult portions of his day, although working with people is always a challenge.

"I will routinely either see or talk to, from the citizen standpoint, eight to 10 citizens who have questions, complaints, or inquiries," Nicholson said. "In the course of the day with staff I'll probably see a couple dozen people and on an average day I'll probably deal with four to six vendors or consultants, people who either want to provide service to the city or professional consulting advice for a specific area of the city."

Night meetings were the least liked aspect of his job, because they had an impact on family life at home, Nicholson said. He also disliked the negative stigma associated with public officials and public professionals, but said it

"comes with the territory."

Dealing with personnel issues and managing the budget used most of his time in the office, Nicholson said, but he loves public service, and identified that as his career goal early on in life.

"I feel lucky to be able to choose that (goal) and live it," Nicholson said.

Nicholson would like to leave the community as a safer, more 'concrete' Charleston.

"The whole of the city's infrastructure needs repair. Charleston's an old city," Nicholson said. "The town has been developed so early, it is the source of a number of problems. Part of the '98 plan is a proposed 20-year infrastructure repair plan for sewers, streets, and sidewalks."

"Working with the Mayor and council and the community will make us successful."

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Ellison during the beating. Douglas said he was not truthful during a police interrogation session because he was "tired, upset, had been crying and just wanted to be left alone."

Douglas said he guessed the hammers allegedly used in the murder came from his garage because he did not see the Drum brothers bring a hammer to his residence.

After Douglas's attorney, Nancy Owen, rested her case, Prosecutor Ed Parkinson called O'Dell to the stand as a rebuttal witness, asking O'Dell about the alleged non-recorded interview with Douglas. O'Dell reaffirmed his testimony Thursday by reiterating that Douglas said he used a hammer during the beating, that the hammers had come from his garage and that he knew

Charles Drum was going to kill Ellison.

During questioning by Parkinson, Douglas said he had looked in Ellison's wallet before the three men threw Ellison's body off the railroad bridge. When Parkinson asked why he was looking in the wallet and what he found in it, Douglas replied, "There wasn't a dime in the (expensive)."

Douglas took the stand Friday morning as the last witness, denying that he supplied the hammers used in the murder, also denied ever striking Ellison with the hammers.

"In my wildest imagination I never thought Shane Ellison would be killed. I feel bad for the Ellison family. I am still mad at the Drums because that is why I am here," Douglas testified. "I

didn't know what to think. I didn't understand why (people) would kill somebody just because they might tell the cops something."

While testifying under cross-examination, Douglas was asked why he participated in attacking Ellison.

"Chuck Drum said, 'Come over here.' And I was terrified - absolutely terrified - of Chuck Drum," Douglas said. "Here he was beating up (Ellison). I couldn't believe someone was being murdered in front of me. There never was a plan to kill Ellison."

In his closing argument, Parkinson asked the jury to consider Douglas's disposal of the evidence in a dumpster outside Bob's Eastside Package Liquor in Mattoon. Parkinson also

reminded the jury that Douglas allegedly provided all three men with clean sets of clothes and a hose to cleanse themselves of Ellison's blood, and that Douglas looked in Ellison's wallet before helping throw him off a railroad bridge on Lake Paradise Road.

"(Douglas) was right there and participated," Parkinson said. "Three hammers for three defendants, is that just a coincidence? It wasn't a fair fight; it was an ambush."

Douglas faces a mandatory sentence of 20 to 60 years in prison, although no sentencing date was set Friday. Circuit Judge Ashton Waller ordered Douglas to be taken into custody Friday night and a hearing will be set to determine if Douglas will be released until sentencing.

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Jackson Ave.

A letter written by Boulay was found at the scene and implicated Boulay's involvement in the murder.

Police were notified of the situation after Boulay called his parents in the middle of the night and told them something was seriously wrong. Boulay's mother traveled to Charleston where he refused to let her enter the apartment.

Boulay took his mother to the Square and told her what happened.

She proceeded to take him to the police station; Boulay was arrested after police officers escorted his mother to his apartment and discovered Miss Will's body.

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Senate members compile students' parking concerns

By AMY THON
Student government editor

Members of the Student Senate plan to meet with Eastern's parking committee to address student concerns regarding the amount of staff parking compared to student parking and the hours of staff parking.

Jason Amato, vice president for student affairs, said he has been working to take the student complaints to the parking committee because of the vast amount of concerns.

Amato said students have called him

with their complaints and he generated a list of issues to address with the committee.

The list of 10 to 15 complaints include changing the time restrictions on parking lots, bike ticketing and the number of student parking spots on campus.

"We just want to bring (student concerns) up to the committee," Amato said. "(We want to) see if they are willing to work with us."

Senate member Bill Gruen also is working on compiling student parking concerns. Gruen said the two major concerns are the hours of the parking lots and the number of

student lots.

He also said students are concerned that some parking lots are reserved for staff until 5 p.m. but are not used for the duration of the allotted hours.

"When spaces aren't being filled by staff during the allotted time, that is just a waste of space," Gruen said.

Gruen also said the hours in the Booth Library parking lot have been extended to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday to accommodate the night staff.

"Faculty and staff who work in the library weren't getting spots for their night

shifts," Gruen said.

The library staff requested the lots be reserved for staff until 7 p.m. so they could have a spot, Gruen said.

The change is only temporary, Gruen said. The parking committee will see if the new arrangement works out and may make changes after this trial period.

"The hours may go back down, or they may not. Or they may change it to be only half the lot," Gruen said.

Amato said he is working to set a meeting date with the parking committee, but no date has been set yet.

Technology course can be taken from comfort of home

By HEATHER CYGAN
Campus editor

Get ready to learn about education technology. But don't worry about an early morning class or a boring lecture because this course can be taken from a comfy seat at home.

"Introduction to Educational Technology," an on-line, three-credit-hour class, has been added to Eastern's curriculum, said Bill Gibbs, head of media services.

Gibbs said he teaches about the uses of technology such as the Internet and the World Wide Web. But his students are located all over Illinois, not just in east central Illinois.

"There is a tremendous amount of interest in this field,

especially from the non-traditional student," Gibbs said.

Distance learning is something that universities around the country are getting involved in because the students can interact with people all over the world, Gibbs said.

Each student can log on from home, work or a computer lab at any time and get the weekly concepts, instruction and assignments for the course, Gibbs said. Students also become involved in team projects and interact with business professionals and educated researchers through the Internet course.

"(The course) is very advantageous and is the type of course that can be very beneficial and useful," Gibbs said. "It includes

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— Bill Gibbs,
Head of media services

100-percent participation."

Discussion is held between students on a 24-hour basis on electronic mail, lip serve and on-line chat rooms, Gibbs said. For example, the students can log on at various times from 7 to 9 p.m. and hold a continuous discussion, he added.

The course appeals to many students because they can think about their response before

answering a question, Gibbs said.

To become a professor of an on-line course you must interact with your students at all hours, Gibbs said. "It is a large investment of time."

Gibbs said all the students who have taken the course said it requires more time for learning and instruction, but they also said they would take another on-line course.

About 14 students enroll each semester in the course. The typical student that registers for the course is an off-campus adult that holds a job, Gibbs said.

The only requirements to take this course is to be familiar with the Internet and World Wide Web.

The intent for this class is not to replace face-to-face teaching, but to give students who cannot attend classes because of a career or family an opportunity to learn, Gibbs said. He said face-to-face instruction is not lost in on-line courses because he receives e-mail from previous students and has met many of his students personally. The technology creates a "dialogue that continues after class," Gibbs said.

The class was offered last semester and will be offered again in the fall.

Gibbs said he would tell a prospective on-line instructor to "be prepared to be committed to interacting on a daily basis."

"You have to rethink how you go about teaching," he said.



IKUYA KURATA/Photo editor

A concerted effort

Bobby Shew, a professional trumpeter, shows his trumpet style to an audience of more than 100 during the Jazz Festival Concert Friday night in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Eastern's Jazz Ensemble accompanied Shew in his performance. The performance was the opening concert of EIU Jazz Festival.

Health Service expansion plans in preliminary stages

By TAMMIE SLOUP
Staff writer

Plans are underway for the expansion of Eastern's Health Services, but no final plans, costs or completion date have been confirmed.

The expansion will be paid for through the \$50-per-semester campus improvement fee approved by students during the spring 1997 election.

Lynette Drake, director of Health Services, said the expansion of the Health Services building will ensure more privacy and comfort for students at Eastern.

The expansion possibilities include a larger lab, more examining rooms, a larger x-ray facility and a separate waiting area for the pharmacy, Drake said.

"The check-in area is very small," Drake said. "We want to make sure the sick and the well students aren't sitting together."

Ted Weidner, director of facilities, planning and management, said the uni-

versity has not talked to the architects and the plans are not finalized yet.

"We would also like a separate lobby for men's and women's health," Drake said, recognizing that students have expressed an interest in more privacy.

Drake said the staff has other innovative ideas, including installing a computerized medical management system and using a dial-a-nurse program. None has been finalized yet.

The dial-a-nurse program would allow students to call a separate phone line to speak with a nurse with any questions they have, Drake said.

She said the staff also hopes that the building will be completely modernized as well as expanded. This would include improvements ranging from modernized equipment to new furniture.

"These ideas are all still up in the air," Drake said. "The expansion of Health Services will benefit the students by providing more comfort. It won't seem as if everyone is on top of one another in the waiting rooms."

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Two tragic deaths force students to learn prevention

The spring semester has so far proven to be one filled with tragedy, loss and grief at Eastern.

Almost a month from the day an Eastern freshman died from asphyxiation, her classmate was found murdered in her boyfriend's apartment.

Both of these senseless deaths have had a major impact on campus.

Editorial College students are supposed to be experiencing life away from home and trying to further their education. They are not supposed to be dealing the sudden death of 18-year-old classmates.

These two tragedies have taught many Eastern students a hard lesson of life in a short period of time.

Along with learning to live with the grief and pain, students need to learn the steps to awareness and prevention.

Students experiencing problems need to seek help any way they can.

Students also need to be aware of their friend's actions and step in to help if necessary. Hesitating to help a friend because of fear or skepticism will likely only cause the person more harm.

Eastern's own counseling center is available to students if they feel the need to find help on campus. Charleston and the university both offer ways to help students in crisis situations.

Several professional counseling centers in Charleston offer programs to handle any type of depression a student is experiencing.

Charleston crisis intervention services are provided to help area residents and students. Students should not hesitate to call the following numbers if a crisis situation occurs, or if they have questions:

- Rape Hot Line and Sexual Assault Counseling and Information service, 348-7666
- Charter Counseling Center, 348-7605
- Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 345-4300
- Suicide Prevention Hotline, 728-7611.

Students need to remember these two incidents and learn from them. Hopefully, but students being aware of problems and available help we won't repeat occurrences.

“today's quote

I get by with a little help from my friends.

—Paul McCartney

Helping students cope with grief and loss

Dealing with death, particularly the death of someone important to us, is never easy. However, when the death results from sudden, unexpected circumstances such as in the murder of Andrea Will, the grief process becomes even more complicated and difficult. As people work through their grief, they tend to go through of series of stages outlined below. Some might go through the stages in order, while others will skip around, bouncing from one to another without any pattern. There is no right way to experience grief; there is only your way.

■ **Shock:** It's hard to accept the news as real. "It can't be." People ask questions about when, where, how and the unanswerable why. Normally, they can't find answers that are good enough to make sense of it all.

■ **Anger:** Anger is an appropriate, healthy emotion to any traumatic death. People may feel angry at the person who has died or at God for not preventing the tragic death. Most often, they are angry at the person who hurt their loved one, and they may even fantasize how they can gain some measure of revenge. Such fantasies are normal, but focusing on them for too long can become an impediment to the grieving process.

■ **Fear and Vulnerability:** After a violent death has occurred, the world feels a little less safe. People experience themselves as more vulnerable than before the event ("Could that happen to me?").

■ **Guilt:** Guilt is extremely common, especially when the death was unexpected. "If only I had" is a thought that often tortures people, as they rehearse all the things they feel they could, should, and would have done differently.

■ **Loss of Control:** Suddenly losing someone to a violent death shatters the sense that we are in control of what happens to us and to those we love, and it reminds us of life's fragility. It also forces us to confront the very real possibility that there was nothing we could have done to prevent the tragedy.

■ **Emotional Withdrawal:** Like a wounded animal licking its wounds, people often withdraw to try to manage their pain and make sense of the tragedy. Unfortunately, this withdrawal, if too long or too complete, cuts people



DAVID ONESTAK
Guest columnist

"Anger is an appropriate, healthy emotion to any traumatic death."

off from badly needed emotional support.

There are things that people can do to help themselves work through the stages of grief in a healthy way. Here are some suggestions.

■ **Don't use alcohol or other drugs to mask your grief.** It's also not a good idea to cram your schedule with so many things that you are too busy to think about your loss. Your feelings

will come out eventually, and sooner is definitely better than later.

■ **Share your feelings and thoughts with others,** especially those who are also in mourning. Pick someone who you know is a good, nonjudgmental listener. Be as open as you can. Expressing your thoughts and venting your feelings (e.g., sadness, guilt, fear, anger) will help you to feel better and help normalize these feelings for others.

■ **Recognize that people grieve in different ways.** Don't be critical. People who haven't cried (at least in public) are often feeling the loss just as deeply.

■ **Exercise.** Go out for a brisk walk with friends or to Lantz for a workout. Exercise is one of the most effective stress relievers.

■ **Try to focus on what you were able to do/be for the person who has died,** not on what you weren't. If there is any unfinished business in the relationship, write a letter to the deceased expressing what they meant to you and saying good-bye.

■ **Try to get back into your normal routine this week.** People often feel guilty about returning to their daily lives, but all of us eventually have to carry on for ourselves and for those who care about us. One of the best things that we can do to honor Andrea Will's memory is to not be merely saddened by her death but also inspired by her life.

If you've tried all of the above tips and are still struggling with the aftereffects of this or any other loss, call the Counseling Center at 581-3413 or visit us on Seventh Street across from the Union. We're on campus to help you. All you need to do is ask.

—David Onestak is director of the Counseling Center and a guest columnist for The Daily Eastern News.



Local family thanks university for bring AIDS Quilt to campus

To the editor:

We are writing to express our appreciation for the efforts of the university to bring the AIDS Quilt to Eastern and the Charleston community. On behalf of our son and brother, whose quilt piece was included in the display, we wish to share our gratitude for the opportunity to be with him once again.

We especially want to commend the students, faculty and volunteers who gave their valuable time to raise money and organize this splendid event. Due to limited space, we cannot mention every student we met. We do want to bring to your attention several students who stood

your turn

out as particularly caring. The warmth of Laura Wolff, Patrick McKee, Erin Weed, Carl Wodrich, Anne Ybarra and Amy Blackford, to name a few, made the pain of remembering easier and even cathartic for our family. We often read about the negative exploits of college students. All the students we met at the display defy that image and exemplify what is best in our society.

Also, we wish to thank Willard Duncan, a volunteer with the NAMES Project, who coordinates quilt displays. He guides other volunteers with sensitivity and pride which enables all who attend to appreciate the range of emotions engendered by the dramatic reading

of names and viewing of the quilt section.

Again, we thank you.

The J.P. Crail Family
Charleston

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Depending on space constraints, we may have to edit your letter, so keep it as concise as possible.

Contestants polish skills for pageant

By LAUREN KRAFT
Activities editor

Four Eastern students are preparing 12 hours a week for their chance to represent Eastern's Black Student Union and Black Greek Council in a late-February contest.

The Miss Black EIU pageant will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 28 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Contestants will compete in three categories: creative expression, African garment and evening gown/impromptu questioning. Each contestant is currently rehearsing for the pageant from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The African garment section will feature the contestants in a garment that will show what African-American heritage means to the candidates. During the creative expression category, contestants will give a speech or perform a skit to express their creative abilities. In the evening gown segment, each contestant will be escorted by a male of her choice and then answer an impromptu question developed by the judges.

The present Miss Black EIU, Tawanda Lawrence, is helping coordinate the program as one of her duties. She held an informational meeting prompting the

involvement of Jaunta Bennett, a senior theater major; Renita Craig, a junior speech communications education; Amber White, a freshman speech communications major; and Heather Tyler, a freshman pre-medicine major.

The registration fee was \$35. "The only thing the (contestants) had to do was pay the fee and be willing to spend the time (rehearsing)," Lawrence said. Contestants also must have a 2.5 cumulative grade point average.

The contestants will be reimbursed for their fee by groups on campus that are sponsoring them based on an idea from Ryan Willerton, a graduate student. Willerton thought it would be a positive change for the pageant to send letters to campus groups in hopes that they would give \$100 in ads and reimburse the \$35 registration fee.

The Beta Phi Pi fraternity, Kappa Delta sorority, Interfraternity Council, African-American studies and Latin-American Student Organization have showed interest in sponsoring the women.

Representatives from each organization interviewed the women to choose which one they would sponsor.

"I think everyone got who they wanted," Lawrence said.

The pageant will be judged by five faculty or staff members.

Sculptor shapes love of art into way of life

By JAIME HODGE
City editor

John Howard of Mattoon has "carved" himself a name in the local art scene because of the impressive reputation earned as a "chipper," a talented ice sculptor.

"I started (sculpting ice) at the Mattoon Golf and Country Club about two years ago," Howard said. "The boss there had seen some of the textures I had done and he asked me to go ahead and try it. (He) said the ones I did were the best he'd ever had, so they kept me on."

Howard said he has been practicing a variety of art forms since childhood.

"I did engraving, automotive painting, tattooing, airbrush painting, charcoals (and) pastels," Howard said. "The only thing I haven't tried yet would be the great wooden sculptures with a chainsaw."

Howard worked for almost two years as a tattoo artist with Camelot Design and said he prefers to use his artistic abilities as work, but "the area around here does not seem to be enough to hold a business."

"I've done reunions and wedding anniversaries, big banquet dinners, swan ice carvings and stuff," he said. "I did an Indian chief with a staff for a Thanksgiving banquet."

An ice carving of angelfish

swimming around coral was the most difficult and intricate carving he had to create, Howard said. It was 3 feet by 4 feet and took about five hours to complete.

Another one of his most challenging creations was a 10-foot tyrannosaurus rex that he positioned along the roadside to make it appear that it was going to attack cars. Howard said it stayed up for a few hours before the legs grew wobbly and collapsed.

Band logos, guitar engravings and logos for law firms also make up his resume.

Costs for his artwork vary, Howard said, and are usually priced according to how much time and effort went into it.

"I usually just decide on a price according to the amount of work I put into it, how much time I've got to work (on it), and so forth," Howard said.

His ambitions for a life with artistic flair began as a child. His ambitions looked to become a reality during high school when he received a scholarship to a school in Minneapolis where cartoonist Charles Schultz practiced his profession. However, his mother thought it was some kind of gimmick and wouldn't let him go, Howard said.

"I'm self-taught," Howard said. "The boss (at the country club) told me what I had to do ... and just gave me the tools and said 'go at it.'"

Faculty Senate to discuss transfer credit evaluation

By JUSTIN KMITCH
Administration editor

The Faculty Senate Tuesday will be updated on the status of the Illinois Articulation Initiatives and Eastern's University Studies program.

The senate will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the former BOG Room of Booth Library.

James Tidwell, vice chair of the Faculty Senate, said the articulation initiatives and University Studies could best be described as "all of the colleges, including community col-

leges in the state coming together to establish rules regarding the transfer of credit from a community college to a four year university."

"Every discipline has been the subject of studies to determine what types of things a four year university would accept," Tidwell said. "Dr. (Charles) Evans has been involved in the process, so he will be updating (the senate) on the situation."

Tidwell said the current problem is that Eastern currently does not accept a "D" as a passing grade, but some community colleges do.

"The problem occurs when a student attempts to transfer with a "D," Tidwell said. "Under the Articulation Initiatives, (Eastern) would have to accept the "D" grade as a passed course."

The senate also will discuss plans for the upcoming retirement reception.

"We have had some faculty retire throughout the year, so we will be holding a retirement reception to honor them," Tidwell said.

The senate is still planning to review the Constitutional Planning process, but a specific date has not yet been set.

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Speaker encourages higher education to embrace diversity

By SHINNELLE DISMUKES
Staff writer

The importance and need for multiculturalism in higher education will be the focus of a lecture being held in conjunction with Eastern's African-American Heritage Month Celebration.

"Working Collaboratively in an Age of Change" will be held at 7 p.m. tonight in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. Union.

Dr. Festus Oblakor, professor of special education in the division of psychology and special education at Emporia State University in Kansas City, will be the keynote speaker.

Oblakor is experienced in multiculturalism from working and studying in universities in New Mexico, Texas, Missouri and Nigeria. His lecture will focus on the importance of minority students' education and the importance of working to empower change.

Oblakor also will address the reality of change on a campus community as a whole.

Ceci Brinker, assistant director for student life/multicultural affairs, said Oblakor is well-known for his work in this field, and it would be a privilege to bring Oblakor to speak at Eastern.

Oblakor also is a celebrated poet and will be sharing some of

his work at the lecture, Brinker said.

Oblakor, has a master's degree in psychology from New Mexico State University. He also received a master's of education in special education from Texas Christian University and a bachelor's degree in secondary education from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. Oblakor, has over 25 years of experience as a junior and senior level teacher.

Brinker said she hoped people attend the lecture and show support because Oblakor will relay a "timely message." Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of Oblakor's presence at Eastern, Brinker said.

Marlboro cigarettes contained ammonia to boost nicotine 'kick'

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - They called it "the secret of Marlboro."

R.J. Reynolds was desperate in the mid-1970s to learn why its leading brand, Winston, was losing market share to Philip Morris' Marlboro, so were other tobacco companies that were losing out in a ruthlessly competitive business.

"We couldn't figure out what the success of Marlboro was," said David Bernick, an attorney for Brown & Williamson. "We couldn't figure out why it was that Marlboro was taking off in sales."

The reason, as it turned out, was ammonia, a chemical that boosted Marlboro's nicotine "kick" and improved the taste at the same time, according to documents and testimony emerging from Minnesota's lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

"The secret of Marlboro is ammonia," according

to a 1989 Brown & Williamson document. "Ammonia does many good things."

Two expert witnesses for the state told the jury in detail how tobacco companies use various ammonia compounds to alter the chemistry of cigarette smoke to give smokers a stronger nicotine dose.

The way ammonia works, they said, is that it makes the smoke less acidic. That changes a portion of its nicotine into "free nicotine," a form that is more readily absorbed in the lungs. Free nicotine's effects are felt in the brain within seconds.

The experts - a Mayo Clinic authority on nicotine addiction and a Stanford University chemical engineering professor - said boosting free nicotine also ensured that cigarettes would remain addictive even though the companies were bringing out low-tar, low-nicotine brands.

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AIDS virus carriers not telling partners

CHICAGO (AP) — Four out of every 10 men and women who were infected with the AIDS virus did not tell their sex partners about it, say researchers who surveyed inner city patients at two New England hospitals.

Almost two-thirds of HIV-infected patients who withheld the information from partners also did not use condoms at least sometimes, the researchers report in Monday's issue of the Archives of Internal Medicine.

Subjects were mostly poor, often drug abusers and commonly lacked high school educations, but the findings have a message for people in all circumstances: Carriers of HIV don't always tell their sex partners about it, authors said.

"The public health message ... is that if you don't know the HIV status of your partner, you should be having safe sex" by using a condom, said the lead researcher, Dr. Michael Stein, director of HIV medical activities at Brown University Medical School in Providence, R.I.

Daniel Zingale, executive director of AIDS Action, a Washington activist group, agreed.

U.S. backs off request to launch Iraqi attack

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The United States won't ask to launch air strikes against Iraq from military bases in Saudi Arabia, Defense Secretary William Cohen announced Sunday.

The defense secretary said such a request is unnecessary because enough firepower would be in place elsewhere in the region within a short time. But the acknowledgment appeared to recognize Saudi sensitivities over launching an attack on a fellow Arab state.

"We've not made such a request, and I don't intend to

make such a request," Cohen told reporters accompanying him on a four-day series of meetings with Persian Gulf leaders on the stand-off with Iraq. "It's not my intent to make such a request because we don't think it's necessary."

The surprise admission came as Cohen left Europe, where he had sought support for the tough U.S. stand against Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's refusal to abide by United Nations weapons inspections.

The United States and Britain have threatened to attack Iraq if it does not give unconditional access to U.N. inspectors

Texas murder trial begins

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Unraveling Diane Zamora's youthful, innocent image, prosecutors have called a parade of witnesses who said the former Naval Academy midshipman told them she helped kill a girl who had a fling with her boyfriend.

Jurors even heard that, with a stone-cold face, Ms. Zamora told her academy roommate that Adrienne Jones was a "tramp" who "deserved to die for taking something that did not belong to her."

But every account by Ms. Zamora's friends was vastly different, potentially casting doubt on them and on a damning confession she gave to police.

That is the card defense attorneys will try to play as they

begin presenting their case Monday in Ms. Zamora's murder trial.

"We're going to show that the statement Diane made to police could not have been accurate and was given under duress," lead defense attorney John Linebarger said in court last week. "She did not commit capital murder."

The differing accounts may help the defense, said outside attorney Bill Lane, "but in all of her stories a common thread runs throughout — she always said 'kill her.' And in Texas, that's enough."

There is no indication whether the defense will call Ms. Zamora to the stand; a gag order is in effect on both sides outside the courtroom.

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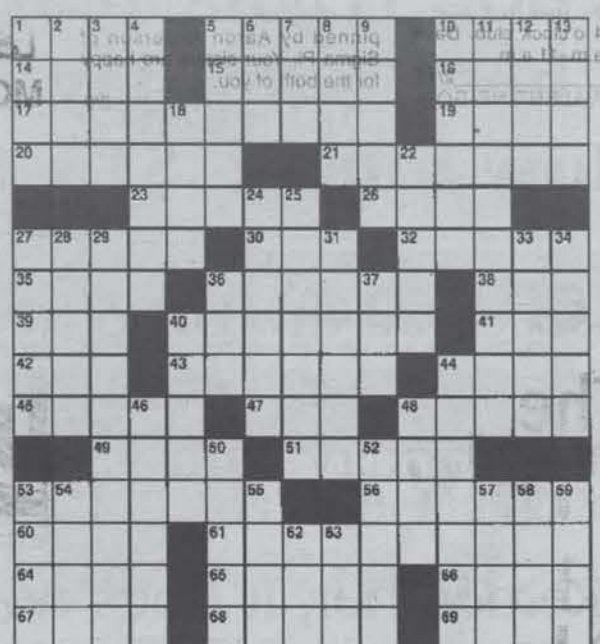
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Jordan shows who's who at NBA All-Star game

NEW YORK (AP) - Even if this All-Star game was his last, Michael Jordan left no doubt he's still the best.

In a crossroads game between All-Stars of this generation and the next, Jordan showed Kobe Bryant a thing or two as he won his third All-Star MVP award in the East's 135-114 victory over the West on Sunday.

Before a celebrity-studded crowd at the arena known as the "Mecca of Basketball," Jordan and Bryant seized the spotlight and faced off mano-a-mano to the delight of all.

Jordan, called the "All-Star of All-Stars" by commissioner David Stern as he received his award, led all scorers with 23 points. Bryant led the West with 18.

But it was so much more than Jordan outscoring the 19-year-old Bryant.

It was the greatest ever and the youngest All-Star ever.

It was Jordan clearing everyone out so he could take Bryant one-on-one, then losing the kid with a head fake and scoring on a finger roll that left Bryant grinning in shame.

It was Bryant coming right back at him, drilling a pair of 3-pointers and barely executing a behind-the-back fast break dribble ending in perhaps the first transition hook shot in an All-Star game since the game was last played in New York 30 years ago.

It was Jordan popping a jumper in Bryant's face, then doing it again from the other side of the court.

It was Bryant pulling a crossover dribble on Jordan, who bent but didn't break and did not allow himself to get burned.

It was Jordan jamming and Bryant outjamming, especially on a

360-degree spin midway through the first quarter that served notice that this would be an All-Star game worth watching the whole way through.

It was Jordan playing through almost the entire fourth quarter while Bryant stayed seated in what appeared to be an act of deference.

And it was Jordan and Bryant embracing at center court after the final buzzer, a snapshot moment worth remembering forever.

The pace stayed brisk almost the entire way, the East never surrendering a comfortable lead it built in the first half.

Jordan, who battled the flu the past few days, helped ice the game after checking back early in the fourth, hitting a 3-pointer and a finger-roll that preceded Reggie Miller's 3-pointer from right in front of Spike Lee's seat in an 18-1

run.

From there on out it was wide open, the only suspense being whether Bryant would return and whether Jordan would try to take him once more.

It didn't work out that way, but it really didn't have to.

What had happened in the first three quarters was plenty enough for everyone.

Jordan, who reiterated before the game that he will retire if the Chicago Bulls do not retain coach Phil Jackson, ended up with the opening tipoff and scored the game's first bucket, driving to his right and stopping suddenly for a seven-foot floater just 15 seconds into the game.

He would miss his next two shots, letting Bryant steal some of the thunder with a pair of vicious dunks, before coming back to score

seven more points by the end of the first quarter.

Jordan went to the bench with nine points and Bryant with eight with just under two minutes remaining, and a pair of 3-pointers by Tim Hardaway gave the East a 33-19 lead.

Glen Rice picked up in the second quarter where he left off at last year's game when he scored a record 20 points in one quarter, making three 3-pointers in a span of 76 seconds to boost the lead back to double-digits.

The East's lead was cut to 67-58 at the half after Bryant ended a 9-0 run by jamming in a miss with 1.1 seconds left.

Bryant finished 7-for-16 from the field with six rebounds and two steals. Jordan was 10-for-18 with eight assists, six rebounds and three steals.

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No rivalry at NFL combine

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Peyton Manning says he doesn't care if Ryan Leaf goes No. 1 in the NFL draft.

Ditto for Leaf.

There's just no rivalry between the two quarterbacks who should go 1-2 on April 18. In fact, they've become good buddies - just like John Elway, Brett Favre, Dan Marino and many of the other top NFL quarterbacks in one of sports' more exclusive cliques.

"People may try to create that, but that's not the case," Manning said. "I've gotten to know Ryan ... there is no question he is really a good player and a good person as well."

"It's great because we know that it doesn't matter who is first or second," he said. "His dream was to play professional football, and so is mine. I think a lot of that now gets distorted, with the money issue. We're not competing with each other until we have to play each other."

The two have been talking regularly for months.

"The media was starting to make Ryan vs. Peyton deals and I didn't want it to get put on a hostile level," Leaf said. "I called the University of Tennessee football office and left my number and he called me back that same night."

"We talked on the phone every week throughout the season. We know each other pretty well. ... The more we got to know each other, we realized we have a lot of things in common."

Both should be heading to the bank with big checks after they sign their first NFL contracts. In a league starving for new quarterback talent, scouts rate both far above any of the other NFL hopefuls at the combine.

"He's a great guy, down to earth. Usually when we get together, we don't talk about football that much," Leaf said. "We talk about our families, and things going on with our girlfriends."

Observers say Manning (6-foot-5, 230 pounds) may be more ready for the NFL than Leaf (6-6, 250 pounds) because of greater experience.

Penn State defeats Northwestern in OT

EVANSTON (AP) - Joe Crispin hit a 15-foot jumper with 30 seconds left in overtime Sunday and Penn State overcame a career high 37-point performance from Evan Eschmeyer to beat Northwestern, 69-68.

Penn State got possession back with 12 seconds left, but the inbounds pass was stolen by Julian Bonner. After a scramble Northwestern retained possession with 2.2 seconds.

The inbounds pass went to Eschmeyer, whose shot was blocked by Jarrett Stephens and Penn State secured its 10th straight victory over Northwestern.

Two baskets by Eschmeyer and a bucket by Joe Harmsen at the outset of the second half pulled the Wildcats even at 31. The contest stayed close the rest of the way.

Northwestern was guilty of a 5-second turnover at 1:43 and Penn State tied the game at 58 when Jarrett Stephens scored on a layup at 1:31.

With 24 seconds left in regulation Northwestern called time out.

Then Julian Bonner was called for a 5-second possession violation with 11 seconds left.

But Penn State couldn't get clear for a final shot, sending the game into overtime.

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fourth place from the Lady Panthers. Middle's occupation of fourth place means the Lady Raiders would host a first-round playoff game.

Middle is coming off a 28-point win against Southeast Missouri Saturday. The Lady Raiders impeached the Governors 95-67.

In the last meeting between the two teams, Eastern came away with a 13 point win, 66-53.

The Lady Panthers swept Middle last season, winning by scores of 69-59 and 85-75.

Lifetime, Eastern is 4-0 against the Lady Raiders.

In the first meeting between the two teams this season, Lady Panther senior forward Barbora Garbova scored 23 points to lead all scorers and Aldrich picked up a double-double.

Three Lady Raiders also scored in double figures. Junior guard Courtney Neely scored 15, including nine points on three pointers to lead the Lady Raiders. Freshman forward Joanne Aluka scored 10 points and freshman guard Kelly

Chastain contributed another 10 points of the bench.

Two members of the Middle Tennessee squad will be looking to reach milestones against Eastern.

Junior center Jonelda Buck entered the weekend 25 points shy of 1000 points. She will become the 12th Lady Raider to reach this plateau.

Neely was just five steals shy of becoming the fourth Middle Tennessee player to dish 300 assists and make 150 steals in a career.

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and desire, or maybe it is just me," he said. "Maybe it is there and I am just not seeing it, but I think that something is lacking there."

After the long week off McCausland was expecting the team to come out fired up.

"I definitely thought that the intensity level would be higher," he said. "As I sat back, I did

not really see it. I saw bits and glimmers, but not for the full seven minutes like I had expected."

The Panthers will only have a few days to try and figure things out, as they travel to Chicago State on Wednesday before returning home for the final home meet of the season on Sunday against Marquette.

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"We came out with intensity," Samuels said. "Our discussion at halftime was along the lines of we can't let Tech hang around. They took that to heart and played hard."

Samuels said this victory was not like some of the other 14 victories Eastern has this year.

"We didn't have a big first half lead, but we had a real good start to the second half," he said. "We were able to build up a lead and kept pulling away."

The Panthers shot 50 percent from the floor, hitting on 33-of-66 shot attempts.

Eastern put three players in double digits and was led in scoring by Kaye, who scored 29 points on 13-of-18 shooting. Kaye also added five assists in the victory.

"That was one of his best stat lines in a long time," Samuels

said.

Also scoring in double digits for the Panthers was sophomore forward Marc Polite with 16 points and junior guard Jack Owens who dished in 13 points. Most of Owens' points came from the foul line, where he was 8-of-9.

Tech did not shoot the ball much worse than Eastern, as it was 45 percent from the field. As with Eastern, Tech also put three players in double figures.

The Golden Eagles were led in scoring by senior guard Ricky Caberra who scored 21 points on 8-of-14 shooting. Junior forward Reggie Nelson was one rebound away from achieving a double-double as he had 16 points and nine rebounds.

The final Tech player to score in double figures was freshman center Adonis Hart who scored 13 points on 5-of-5 shooting.



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Track teams see positive results at Indiana meet

Men's team third, women's ninth in 14-team fields

By JOSH HARBECK
Sports editor

Eastern's men's and women's track teams faced stiff competition at Indiana Friday and Saturday, and the teams experienced different levels of success.

The men's team finished third in a field of 14 teams, and the women's team finished ninth in a field of 14 teams.

Schools such as the University of Kentucky, the University of Georgia and the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga joined host Indiana as some of the top competitors at the meet.

Indiana won both the men's and women's side, as it finished with 107.5 points to win the men's side. Kentucky was second with 97 points and Eastern was third with 91.

Ohio Valley Conference foes Middle Tennessee, Murray State and Southeast Missouri State also competed.

Middle was the closest OVC opponent to the Panthers finishing sixth with 45.5 points.

The Hoosiers also won the women's side of the meet, beating out Kentucky 97-92.5. SEMO was the only OVC team to finish ahead of Eastern, as the Otahkians finished sixth with 52 points. The Lady Panthers were ninth with 29.5 points.

Both teams had strong individual performances for the weekend.

Senior Todd Moroney ran well in both individual races

and also as part of Eastern relay teams. He finished third in the 3000-meter run with a time of 8 minutes and 18.41 seconds — the time



Cristen Conrad

was the fifth best performance ever by an Eastern runner and also a 20-second personal best for Moroney.

As a part of the Panthers' distance medley team, Moroney ran a 4:09 mile, which was a six-second personal best, to anchor a sixth-place finish for the meet. The team, comprised of Moroney, Tundra Williams, Cry Thin and Jason Bullock, ran a 10:07.32 for the the best time for an Eastern team.

Panther Chad White won the 400-meter run with a time of 47.25 seconds. White's time was good for a provisional qualification to nationals.

The weekend was a busy one for White, who also anchored the mile relay team to a second-place finish and finished second in the 200-meter dash.

Finishing first in the 200 was Panther Chris Watson, who ran the race in 21.56 seconds to beat White's time of 21.85.

Watson also won the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.37 seconds.

Finishing second in the 55 was Cameron Mabry with a time of 6.38 seconds. Mabry has already earned a provisional qualification for nationals in the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.21.

"(Mabry) had a bad race," Eastern men's coach Tom Akers said. "But the track is a slow track. The harder the surface, the faster it is for the sprinters."

Akers said Indiana's track

was a softer surface, but also had wide turns, which made the track a bit faster for the distance runners.

On the women's side, head coach John Craft said he wasn't sure going into the meet where the Lady Panthers would finish.

"Realistically, you look at the fact that Southern (Illinois) was right on top of us at 43.5 (points), and they're a pretty strong team. SEMO also has a very strong team," he said. "I am pleasantly surprised that we came out on top of Middle."

The Lady Panthers' distance medley team of Kathy Houlitz, Lisa Klingler, Jodi Milas and Cristen Conrad finished third overall with a season best 12:29.44.

Conrad also had a season-best mile during the relay of 5:11.1 and finished eighth in the 300-meter dash with a season-best time of 10:26.97.

Sue Langer finished fifth in the mile with a season-best 5:12.72.

Eastern's mile relay team finished seventh for the meet with a time of 3:57.38, which Craft called a "significant improvement."

Erika Coull-Parenty shaved approximately 23 seconds off her personal best time in the 5000-meter run, finishing 11th with a time of 18:46.67, according to Craft.

"We ran fairly well, but the competition was so stiff it overshadowed the performances," Craft said.

"We had personal bests and improvements in times; that's progress and that's what it's all about."

Both the men's and women's teams are competing this weekend. The men will travel to Michigan and the women to Southern.



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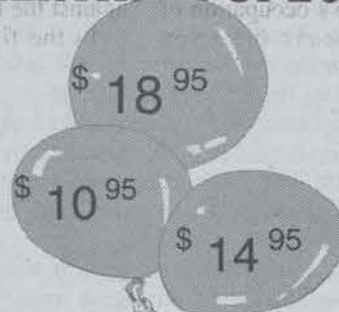
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Sports

Panther wrestlers split home dual meets

By KYLE BAUER
Staff writer

The Panther wrestling team came away with a split on Sunday afternoon. The Panthers earned a 32-10 win over Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, but fell to Northwestern 27-12. The Panthers' record in dual meets now stands at 6-2.

The lower weight classes did the job again for Eastern throughout the day. Junior Tom Combes, along with sophomores Kelly Revells, Don Pool, and Jason Lawrence all scored victories to open up the match against SIU and build a huge early lead.

Two forfeits gave juniors Curtis Owen and Graham Witt victories and sealed the win for Eastern. Sophomore heavyweight Mike Russow came up with a victory by fall to close out the rout.

Unfortunately the story was not the same against Northwestern. The Wildcats proved to be too much for the Panthers. Eastern was only able to record three victories throughout the match.

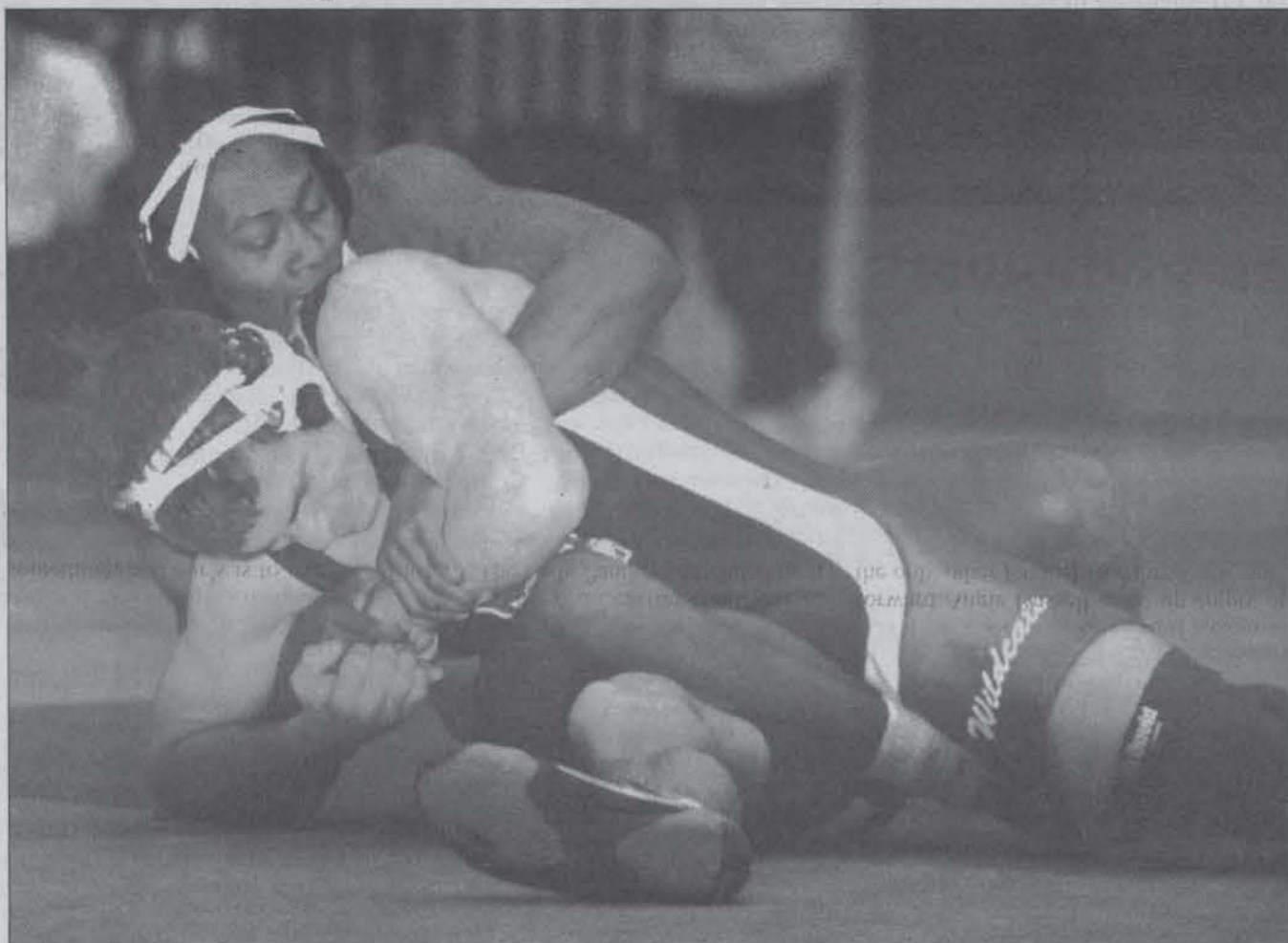
Once again the lower weight classes did their part. The Panthers opened up with victories by Combes and Revells. The only other win came compliments of a forfeit that gave the heavyweight Russow a victory.

"We wrestled well against Northwestern. It was the first time that they had their strongest lineup out there," Panther head coach Ralph McCausland said. "They were pumped. Their confidence was obviously higher."

Even though Eastern did end up with a split and wrestled well, McCausland was still not satisfied.

"Overall, I think we need to find the intensity

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IKUYA KURATA/Photo editor

Panther wrestler Kelly Revells works for position against Northwestern's Micha Hey during Sunday's meet. The Wildcats defeated the Panthers 27-12, but Eastern redeemed itself with a 32-10 win over Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. The Panthers travel to Chicago State Wednesday night to take on the Cougars.

Men's basketball team wins at Tech; women lose

Win guarantees first-round playoff game at home

By MATT WILSON
Associate sports editor

With an 83-66 win over Tennessee Tech on Saturday night, the Panther basketball team guaranteed itself a first-round home game in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

"It's nice, but we don't want it to down play the next two weeks," Panther head coach Rick Samuels said. "We just came off a road trip, and now we have a chance to relax a little and play at home. Hopefully we can take advantage of that."

Eastern (12-3 in the OVC, 15-8 overall) now controls its own destiny. Southeast Missouri defeated Middle Tennessee on

Saturday afternoon, which broke the Blue Raiders' 15-game home winning streak.

This victory means if Eastern wins out, it would be in a tie for first place at the end of the regular season. With the way the OVC tournament is run, the Panthers would get the top seed in the OVC tournament.

Because of this, Samuels said the next three games against Murray State, Tennessee-Martin and Southeast Missouri will be huge games.

"This is a crunch part of the season; we're fighting to win the (conference championship)," Samuels said. "At this point in the season everybody is hanging around for something, and our's is to win the championship."

Eastern went into halftime in the victory over Tennessee Tech (3-11 in the OVC, 7-18 overall) up three points at 38-35, but had a big run to start off the second half. The half began with a dunk by Panther senior guard Rick Kaye.

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Lady Panthers continue slide, fall to 7-7 in OVC

By DREW GRANGER
Staff writer

The Lady Panthers continued their slide in the second half of the season, dropping their fifth game in row to Tennessee Tech, 77-56.

Tech avenged an earlier road loss to Eastern. The Lady Panthers defended their home court Jan. 10 with a three-point victory, 59-56.

Tech scored 48 points in the second half to put the game out of reach.

Eastern scored 28 points in both halves of the game. The Lady Panthers had gone into halftime trailing by one.

Eastern's shooting problems also con-

tinued. Eastern shot 25-of-62 from the floor in the game for a .403 percentage.

Tech sophomore center Diane Seng shot 87 percent percent from the floor, scoring 28 points in the game to lead all scorers. Seng was 13-of-15 from the floor and 2-of-3 from the free throw line.

Seng's two points off free throws were part of an 11-point advantage the Golden Eaglettes held over the Lady Panthers from the charity stripe. While Tech went 12-of-17 on freebies, the Lady Panthers managed just two free throws all game. Eastern's sophomore center Leah Aldrich was 1-of-1 from the line, and freshman forward Angie Russell came up empty on the only other Panther free throw attempt.

Three Golden Eaglettes scored in double figures.

Next up for the Lady Panthers are the Lady Raiders of Middle Tennessee Monday in Murfreesboro.

The Lady Raiders are 8-5 in the Ohio Valley Conference, having taken over

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Swim teams capture victories in final regular-season meets

By TODD SCHREIBER
Staff writer

The Eastern swim teams concluded their regular seasons on Saturday at St. Louis.

Both the men's and women's teams collected victories in the final meet. The men won 132-103; the women won 140-97. The teams were happy to gain victories and momentum going into the postseason.

The men were neck-and-neck with the Billikens the whole meet. The Panthers used the final few events to pull away in the end. Although the men won with a considerable margin,

coach Ray Padovan was not completely impressed.

"The win was nice, but I don't think that we swam as well as we could have; we were kind of flat," he said.

Regardless, the men's team still got some great performances.

Freshman Nick Schmidt led the Panthers with two victories. Wins in the 500-yard and 1000-yard freestyle events were important to the team victory.



Ray Padovan

Senior Doug Habben also had two victories on Saturday: the 100-yard freestyle and 200-yard individual medley.

Other victories also went to Drew Shepherdson in the 100-yard breaststroke, Patrick Johnson in the 100-yard backstroke and James Adam in the 50-yard freestyle. Individual events were not the only victories had by the team.

The Panthers put together victories in two relay events: the 200 freestyle, and 200 medley.

The win put the men's team at 6-5 for the dual meet season.

The women also put together a good victory on Saturday. The

women seemed to put together a better meet from start to finish.

"The women are starting to scare me," Padovan said. "They are just swimming better and better every week."

The Lady Panthers started the meet by winning the medley relay event; they finished the meet by winning the freestyle relay event.

In between, they had many great races.

Amber Aurit had a great meet by winning the 100-yard backstroke and the 200-yard individual medley; both season bests. Amanda Dore also won two events, the 50-yard and 100-yard

freestyle. Christine Przybylski won the 1000-yard freestyle. Karina Freer swam a new event for her, the 200-yard freestyle, and came away with a victory.

The women upped their record to 8-2-1 on the season, and seem to be ready for the postseason.

Padovan is also very excited for his teams. He thinks this was a good meet to gauge their progress for the season. The lineups used this past weekend were the ones that are going to be used at the Mideast Championships in two weeks. Success with these lineups are a good sign for the future.